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Delivered hydrogen economics, infrastructure readiness and bankable demand

11	10
ANALYZED ARTICLES	PRIORITY THEMES

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Hydrogen Energy: the boundary moved from isolated claims to qualification evidence

11 English articles were reviewed independently from the Japanese edition. Ten themes are retained for management decisions.

SIGNAL 01 | POWER & FEEDSTOCK

Syntholene SOEC: Geothermal eFuels Demo Performance and Specs

Syntholene Energy Corp. has achieved proof-of-performance for its geothermally-integrated solid oxide electrolyzer cell (SOEC) facility in Húsavík, Iceland.

SIGNAL 02 | PRODUCTION

Japan Engine Corp: Hydrogen engine for large ships and 2028 timeline

Japan Engine Corp has developed the world's first hydrogen-fueled engine for large commercial vessels, reducing CO2 emissions by over 95% compared to heavy fuel oil. The technology will undergo onboard demonstration testing starting in April 2028.

SIGNAL 03 | STORAGE & TRANSPORT

Solar-Powered Artificial Leaf: Hydrogen Production and Hydrazine Removal Specs

Researchers at Nanyang Technological University have developed a solar-powered device that simultaneously generates hydrogen and degrades toxic hydrazine from seawater.

SIGNAL 04 | END USE

Protonic Ceramic Electrolyzer: Doubling Hydrogen Yield from Steam

Researchers at the University of Groningen have developed a durable ceramic electrolyzer that doubles clean hydrogen production from steam without requiring additional electricity.

DECISION

Focus this week's management attention on delivered hydrogen economics, infrastructure readiness and bankable demand. Move only when the linked evidence can be reproduced under your own operating conditions.

THREE MANAGEMENT MOVES

1. Buyers: compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support.
2. Suppliers: tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.
3. Executives: track offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EVIDENCE DISCIPLINE

FACT states what the collected English source reports. BUSINESS READ and ACTION are editorial interpretations. UNKNOWN lists information that the source file does not establish. A linked article is not treated as independent confirmation of every claim.

Five numbers or evidence anchors that require conditions

95.5%
A04

SOURCE-BOUND CONDITION
An independent review confirmed world-class electrical efficiency of 95.5% (LHV), demonstrating a pathway to cost-competitive green aviation fuel.

95%
A10

SOURCE-BOUND CONDITION
Japan Engine Corp has developed the world's first hydrogen-fueled engine for large commercial vessels, reducing CO2 emissions by over 95% compared to heavy fuel oil.

30 hours
A06

SOURCE-BOUND CONDITION
The system reduced hydrazine concentrations from 0.5 M to 0.5 ppb within 30 hours while producing hydrogen at a rate of 466 µmol per square centimeter per hour.

500 hours
A11

SOURCE-BOUND CONDITION
The cell demonstrated stability for over 500 hours and converts more than 95 percent of electric current into hydrogen.

0.295 w
A08

SOURCE-BOUND CONDITION
A physics-informed deep learning framework predicts the power output of proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell stacks with a root-mean-square error of 0.295 watts and a mean absolute percentage error of 0.097 percent.

HOW TO USE THESE NUMBERS
Each value is shown with the condition stated in the collected English article. Do not compare values across different test methods, device sizes, operating temperatures or commercial stages without normalizing those conditions.

Where the value chain moved

Each stage combines one leading theme and one supporting theme. The report treats handoffs as evidence transfers, not decorative arrows.

1

Power & feedstock

P01/P06

Syntholene Energy Corp.

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Production

P02/P07

Japan Engine Corp has developed the world's first hydrogen-fueled engine for large commercial vessels, reducing CO2 emissions.

3

Storage & transport

P03/P08

Researchers at Nanyang Technological University have developed a solar-powered device that simultaneously generates hydrogen.

4

End use

P04/P09

Researchers at the University of Groningen have developed a durable ceramic electrolyzer that doubles clean hydrogen.

5

Market & policy

P05/P10

Researchers from DGIST and Kookmin University have developed a water-based, low-voltage fabrication process for solar.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED AT EACH HANDOFF

Power & feedstock to Production	Transfer test conditions, acceptance criteria, failure data, owner and decision date. Recheck offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.
Production to Storage & transport	Transfer test conditions, acceptance criteria, failure data, owner and decision date. Recheck offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.
Storage & transport to End use	Transfer test conditions, acceptance criteria, failure data, owner and decision date. Recheck offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.
End use to Market & policy	Transfer test conditions, acceptance criteria, failure data, owner and decision date. Recheck offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

COMMON CONTROL POINT

No theme moves to a commercial commitment until a named owner has reproduced the relevant evidence and documented offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

Priority map: maturity and next decision locus



P01	Syntholene SOEC: Geothermal eFuels Demo Performance and Specs System / adoption | cue: integrated
P02	Japan Engine Corp: Hydrogen engine for large ships and 2028 timeline System / adoption | cue: commercial
P03	Solar-Powered Artificial Leaf: Hydrogen Production and Hydrazine Removal Specs System / adoption | cue: system
P04	Protonic Ceramic Electrolyzer: Doubling Hydrogen Yield from Steam Tech / process | cue: no system/business cue
P05	Solar Hydrogen Photoelectrodes: DGIST's Low-Voltage Process Tech / process | cue: no system/business cue
P06	PEM Fuel Cell Ageing: Physics-Guided AI for Watt-Level Precision System / adoption | cue: integrating
P07	Pt/Fe-NC Catalyst: Durable Ammonia Cracking for H2 Production Tech / process | cue: no system/business cue
P08	Kawasaki Heavy Industries: First Japanese Hydrogen Aero-Engine Test Tech / process | cue: no system/business cue
P09	PEM Electrolyzers: Degradation Model for Long-Term Failure Analysis Tech / process | cue: no system/business cue
P10	Ammonia Dehydrogenation: MIT's Low-Temperature Electrochemical Method System / adoption | cue: integrating

REPRODUCIBLE POSITIONING RULE

Horizontal position uses five discrete stages: Research, Prototype, Joint evaluation, Product adoption and Scale. The vertical bands classify the next decision locus: Tech / process, System / adoption, or Business / rules (including supply systems). Article-title cues take precedence; the overview is used only when the title is silent. These are categories, not impact ranks. Bubble diameter reflects the editorial score.

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P01 Syntholene SOEC: Geothermal eFuels Demo Performance and Specs

A04 | Power & feedstock | Research

Date not stated

FACT

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WHY IT MATTERS

The decision relevance is delivered hydrogen economics, infrastructure readiness and bankable demand. The signal should be tested at the application and operating-system level, not accepted from a headline alone.

BUSINESS READ

For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P01.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 21/25 | MATURITY 1/5 | DECISION LOCUS: SYSTEM / ADOPTION

P02 Japan Engine Corp: Hydrogen engine for large ships and 2028 timeline

A10 | Production | Joint evaluation

Date not stated

FACT

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ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P02.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 20/25 | MATURITY 3/5 | DECISION LOCUS: SYSTEM / ADOPTION

FACT is source-bound. BUSINESS READ, ACTION and UNKNOWN are explicit editorial layers.

P03 Solar-Powered Artificial Leaf: Hydrogen Production and Hydrazine Removal Specs

A06 | Storage & transport | Product adoption

Date not stated

FACT

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BUSINESS READ

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ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P03.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 20/25 | MATURITY 4/5 | DECISION LOCUS: SYSTEM / ADOPTION

P04 Protonic Ceramic Electrolyzer: Doubling Hydrogen Yield from Steam

A11 | End use | Product adoption

Date not stated

FACT

Researchers at the University of Groningen have developed a durable ceramic electrolyzer that doubles clean hydrogen production from steam without requiring additional electricity. The cell demonstrated stability for over 500 hours and converts more than 95 percent of electric current into hydrogen.

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For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P04.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 19/25 | MATURITY 4/5 | DECISION LOCUS: TECH / PROCESS

FACT is source-bound. BUSINESS READ, ACTION and UNKNOWN are explicit editorial layers.

P05 Solar Hydrogen Photoelectrodes: DGIST's Low-Voltage Process

A07 | Market & policy | Product adoption

Date not stated

FACT

Researchers from DGIST and Kookmin University have developed a water-based, low-voltage fabrication process for solar hydrogen photoelectrodes that eliminates toxic solvents and high-voltage requirements. The new method reduces deposition voltage from 200 V to 4 V and increases photocurrent by approximately tenfold compared to single-material electrodes. This advancement provides a safer, more eco-friendly pathway for scaling green hydrogen production.

WHY IT MATTERS

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BUSINESS READ

For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P05.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 19/25 | MATURITY 4/5 | DECISION LOCUS: TECH / PROCESS

P06 PEM Fuel Cell Ageing: Physics-Guided AI for Watt-Level Precision

A08 | Power & feedstock | Research

Date not stated

FACT

A physics-informed deep learning framework predicts the power output of proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell stacks with a root-mean-square error of 0.295 watts and a mean absolute percentage error of 0.097 percent. By integrating first-principles electrochemical quantities as input features, the model tracks degradation trends with high accuracy. This approach enables real-time prediction of fuel cell ageing by combining domain knowledge with time-series neural networks.

WHY IT MATTERS

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BUSINESS READ

For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P06.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 19/25 | MATURITY 1/5 | DECISION LOCUS: SYSTEM / ADOPTION

FACT is source-bound. BUSINESS READ, ACTION and UNKNOWN are explicit editorial layers.

P07 Pt/Fe-NC Catalyst: Durable Ammonia Cracking for H2 Production

A02 | Production | Product adoption

Date not stated

FACT

A self-regenerating platinum catalyst supported on nitrogen-doped carbon with atomically dispersed iron sites has demonstrated hydrogen production for up to 2,000 hours. By mitigating platinum oxidation and nitrogen poisoning, the material enables stable electrochemical ammonia cracking at high current densities. This development supports the use of ammonia as a shippable vector for the renewable energy economy.

WHY IT MATTERS

The decision relevance is delivered hydrogen economics, infrastructure readiness and bankable demand. The signal should be tested at the application and operating-system level, not accepted from a headline alone.

BUSINESS READ

For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P07.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 19/25 | MATURITY 4/5 | DECISION LOCUS: TECH / PROCESS

P08 Kawasaki Heavy Industries: First Japanese Hydrogen Aero-Engine Test

A09 | Storage & transport | Research

Date not stated

FACT

Kawasaki Heavy Industries has successfully conducted Japan's first operation test of a small aviation engine powered by 100% hydrogen. The test validated stable combustion and thrust across all flight phases using a proprietary low-NOx combustion technology.

WHY IT MATTERS

The decision relevance is delivered hydrogen economics, infrastructure readiness and bankable demand. The signal should be tested at the application and operating-system level, not accepted from a headline alone.

BUSINESS READ

For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P08.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 19/25 | MATURITY 1/5 | DECISION LOCUS: TECH / PROCESS

FACT is source-bound. BUSINESS READ, ACTION and UNKNOWN are explicit editorial layers.

P09 PEM Electrolyzers: Degradation Model for Long-Term Failure Analysis

A01 | End use | Research

Date not stated

FACT

A new mechanistic model simulates the full degradation history of PEM water electrolyzers, identifying the specific drivers of failure across thousands of hours. The research quantifies how temperature and current density accelerate catalyst dissolution and ionomer decay, providing a tool to predict device lifetime under varying operating conditions.

WHY IT MATTERS

The decision relevance is delivered hydrogen economics, infrastructure readiness and bankable demand. The signal should be tested at the application and operating-system level, not accepted from a headline alone.

BUSINESS READ

For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P09.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 19/25 | MATURITY 1/5 | DECISION LOCUS: TECH / PROCESS

P10 Ammonia Dehydrogenation: MIT's Low-Temperature Electrochemical Method

A03 | Market & policy | Pilot

Date not stated

FACT

Researchers at MIT have developed an electrochemical process that extracts high-purity hydrogen from ammonia at temperatures between 200 and 300 degrees Celsius. By integrating a palladium membrane with a molten hydroxide electrolyte, the system eliminates the need for energy-intensive downstream purification. This advancement addresses critical bottlenecks in hydrogen transport and storage for a future hydrogen economy.

WHY IT MATTERS

The decision relevance is delivered hydrogen economics, infrastructure readiness and bankable demand. The signal should be tested at the application and operating-system level, not accepted from a headline alone.

BUSINESS READ

For operating companies, compare the reported change with current qualification, sourcing and product-roadmap assumptions. For suppliers, tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost.

ACTION

Within 30 days, compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support; record the evidence and owner against P10.

UNKNOWN

Still unproven or incompletely stated: offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.

EDITORIAL SCORE 19/25 | MATURITY 2/5 | DECISION LOCUS: SYSTEM / ADOPTION

Playbook and 0-5 year roadmap

STAKEHOLDER	NOW | 0-30 DAYS	NEXT | 1-12 MONTHS	LATER | 1-5 YEARS
Operating companies	compare projects by contracted demand, energy source, conversion loss, logistics and policy support	Run production-like qualification with explicit acceptance and stop criteria.	Build a portfolio and architecture that can absorb technology and supplier changes.
Materials, equipment and technology suppliers	tie materials and equipment performance to uptime, safety, maintenance and delivered cost	Create shared reliability, process-window and failure-analysis data with customers.	Standardize interfaces, traceability, lifecycle support and recovery services.
Trading, investment and legal teams	Map offtake, power price, efficiency, utilization, permitting, transport and subsidy.	Contract for capacity, quality, change notice, liability, alternatives and exit.	Diversify regional, technical and customer concentration risk.

ROADMAP

NOW | 0-30 DAYS
Evidence ledger
Owner: Strategy + quality
Deliverable: claim, source, condition, owner

NOW | 0-30 DAYS
Risk screen
Owner: Procurement + legal
Deliverable: unknowns, alternatives, stop

NEXT | 1-12 MONTHS
Joint qualification
Owner: R&D + supplier
Deliverable: process window and failure data

NEXT | 1-12 MONTHS
Commercial gate
Owner: Business + finance
Deliverable: unit economics and capacity

LATER | 1-5 YEARS
Platform strategy
Owner: Executive team
Deliverable: portfolio and interface roadmap

LATER | 1-5 YEARS
Service layer
Owner: Operations + channel
Deliverable: monitoring, maintenance and recovery

GO / NO-GO GATES

GATE	OWNER	REQUIRED EVIDENCE	NO-GO CONDITION
G1 Evidence	**Quality**	Source, test conditions and reproducibility	No traceable evidence
G2 Integration	**R&D**	Interface, process window and failure analysis	Cannot meet system conditions
G3 Commercial	**Business**	Capacity, total cost, contract and alternatives	Economics or supply cannot be supported
G4 Lifecycle	**Operations**	Monitoring, maintenance, change notice and exit	No accountable operating plan

ANALYZED ARTICLES | ITEMS 01-11

Every title and URL is displayed in full. URLs wrap without shortening and remain clickable. A verified-reference label means the translated HTML did not retain its original source URL.

ID	FULL ARTICLE TITLE	FULL SOURCE / VERIFIED REFERENCE URL - CLICKABLE
A01	PEM Electrolyzers: Degradation Model for Long-Term Failure Analysis	https://bioengineer.org/new-model-tracks-how-pem-electrolyzers-fail-over-thousands-of-hours/
A02	Pt/Fe-NC Catalyst: Durable Ammonia Cracking for H2 Production	https://bioengineer.org/self-regenerating-platinum-catalyst-keeps-ammonia-hydrogen-production-running-for-500-hours/
A03	Ammonia Dehydrogenation: MIT's Low-Temperature Electrochemical Method	https://bioengineer.org/electrochemical-method-pulls-pure-hydrogen-from-ammonia-at-lower-temperatures/
A04	Syntholene SOEC: Geothermal eFuels Demo Performance and Specs	https://www.hydrocarbonprocessing.com/news/2026/10/syntholene-receives-proof-of-performance-for-geothermally-integrated-soec-demo-facility-for-efuels-production/
A05	Hydrogen-Storage Alloys: QST Automated System Cuts Testing to 3 Hours	https://jp.ibtimes.com/qst-cuts-hydrogen-storage-alloy-experiments-days-2-3-hours-104919
A06	Solar-Powered Artificial Leaf: Hydrogen Production and Hydrazine Removal Specs	https://newatlas.com/energy/artificial-leaf-generates-hydrogen-removes-pollutants-seawater/
A07	Solar Hydrogen Photoelectrodes: DGIST's Low-Voltage Process	https://bioengineer.org/low-voltage-water-based-process-makes-solar-hydrogen-photoelectrodes-safer-and-more-efficient/
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A10	Japan Engine Corp: Hydrogen engine for large ships and 2028 timeline	https://english.kyodonews.net/articles/-/89365
A11	Protonic Ceramic Electrolyzer: Doubling Hydrogen Yield from Steam	https://interestingengineering.com/innovation/ceramic-cell-delivers-double-clean-hydrogen

HydrogenEnergy — Selected Articles

Date: 2026-10-31

Articles: 11

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#01 PEM Electrolyzers: Degradation Model for Long-Term Failure Analysis

Published October 29, 2026 Bioengineer.org (Scienmag)

OVERVIEW

A new mechanistic model simulates the full degradation history of PEM water electrolyzers, identifying the specific drivers of failure across thousands of hours. The research quantifies how temperature and current density accelerate catalyst dissolution and ionomer decay, providing a tool to predict device lifetime under varying operating conditions.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

The simulation reveals that operating temperature and current density are the primary drivers of PEM electrolyzer failure. Increasing the temperature from 50 to 90 degrees Celsius reduces the predicted lifetime from 7000 hours to 1445 hours, with the degradation rate rising from 25 to 76 microvolts per hour. Similarly, raising the current density from 1 to 3 amperes per square centimeter cuts the simulated lifetime from 6440 hours to 520 hours, accelerating the degradation rate from 16.7 to 259.6 microvolts per hour.

Technical Details

Developed by Boshi Xu, Qiang Liao, and colleagues, the three-dimensional multiphysics model couples three dominant degradation processes:

- **Ionomer Chemical Degradation:** Hydrogen peroxide forms at the cathode, and Fe2+ impurities drive a Fenton reaction that generates hydroxyl radicals, which cleave the polymer backbone and destroy proton-conducting sulfonate groups.
- **Catalyst Dissolution:** Iridium dioxide (IrO2) forms an intermediate during the oxygen evolution reaction; a fraction of this becomes soluble trivalent iridium species, permanently removing the catalyst.
- **Titanium Corrosion:** The model tracks the growth of a semiconducting TiO2 passivation film on bipolar plates and porous transport layers, which increases contact resistance.

Validation via a 300-hour test on a 2.6 by 2.6 centimeter cell showed a maximum absolute error of 20 millivolts. Experimental data confirmed membrane thinning from 127 micrometers to 121 micrometers and a surge in contact resistance from 0.602 to 2.235 milliohms.

Background & Context

PEM electrolyzers face commercialization hurdles due to poor durability. Because multiple degradation mechanisms occur simultaneously, experimental data alone cannot easily quantify individual contributions. This model addresses the gap by simulating the entire history from startup to failure.

Significance & Outlook

The model identifies shifts in failure mechanisms based on conditions. At 50 to 80 degrees, failure is defined by voltage reaching 110 percent of its initial value, but at 90 degrees, failure occurs when catalyst particles dissolve to 80 percent of their initial size. Ionomer degradation is the dominant factor overall, contributing 42 to 61 percent of total degradation.

Source: https://bioengineer.org/new-model-tracks-how-pem-electrolyzers-fail-over-thousands-of-hours/

Collected: October 31, 2026 | Automated Research System (AI)

#02 Pt/Fe-NC Catalyst: Durable Ammonia Cracking for H2 Production

Published October 27, 2026 Bioengineer.org (Scienmag) USA

OVERVIEW

A self-regenerating platinum catalyst supported on nitrogen-doped carbon with atomically dispersed iron sites has demonstrated hydrogen production for up to 2,000 hours. By mitigating platinum oxidation and nitrogen poisoning, the material enables stable electrochemical ammonia cracking at high current densities. This development supports the use of ammonia as a shippable vector for the renewable energy economy.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

Researchers have developed a Pt/Fe-NC catalyst that sustains hydrogen production for 500 hours at a high current density of 1.5 A cm−2 and for more than 2,000 hours at 10 mA cm−2. This performance was achieved by combining the catalyst with pulsed electrolysis, ammonia replenishment, and intermittent acid washing. The catalyst reached an ammonia oxidation mass activity of 733 A per gram of platinum.

Technical Details

The catalyst consists of platinum nanoparticles supported on nitrogen-doped carbon containing atomically dispersed iron sites. It addresses two primary deactivation pathways common in platinum-based catalysts: the oxidation of the platinum and poisoning by nitrogen species that bind to active sites.

- **Activity Enhancement:** Electron transfer from the support suppresses platinum oxidation and accelerates the rate-determining dehydrogenation step of the ammonia oxidation reaction.
- **In Situ Regeneration:** The iron-nitrogen-carbon substrate facilitates a water-assisted pathway. This process hydrogenates poisonous adsorbed nitrogen species back into reactive NH-containing intermediates, which then dimerize and leave the surface.

Background & Context

Ammonia is considered an attractive hydrogen carrier due to its ease of storage and transport. While electrochemical cracking offers a sustainable route for decentralized hydrogen production, conventional platinum catalysts typically fail as they "choke" on accumulated nitrogen. The study utilizes operando spectroscopy and characterization of the platinum oxidation state to demonstrate the integrated design for managing this poisoning.

Significance & Outlook

If these durability figures are reproduced outside the laboratory, the approach could be critical for the emerging hydrogen economy. However, as the reported performance figures and mechanistic claims are based on the authors' own measurements and the original article is behind a subscription paywall, independent replication is required to determine how the catalyst performs in practical electrolyzer hardware over longer timescales.

Source: https://bioengineer.org/self-regenerating-platinum-catalyst-keeps-ammonia-hydrogen-production-running-for-500-hours/

Collected: October 31, 2026 | Automated Research System (AI)

#03 Ammonia Dehydrogenation: MIT's Low-Temperature Electrochemical Method

Published October 27, 2026 Bioengineer.org (Scienmag) USA

OVERVIEW

Researchers at MIT have developed an electrochemical process that extracts high-purity hydrogen from ammonia at temperatures between 200 and 300 degrees Celsius. By integrating a palladium membrane with a molten hydroxide electrolyte, the system eliminates the need for energy-intensive downstream purification. This advancement addresses critical bottlenecks in hydrogen transport and storage for a future hydrogen economy.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

Chemists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have demonstrated a method to extract pure hydrogen gas from ammonia while significantly reducing the required temperature and energy. Unlike conventional ammonia cracking, which requires temperatures exceeding 500 degrees Celsius, this electrochemical strategy operates at approximately 200 to 300 degrees Celsius. Furthermore, the process produces a concentrated, high-purity stream of hydrogen, removing the need for separate purification stages that typically follow thermal cracking.

Technical Details

The system utilizes a design that couples a hydrogen-selective palladium membrane with a hydrogen-generating electrode via a molten hydroxide electrolyte. The process follows these steps:

- Ammonia is first dehydrogenated using a catalyst containing ruthenium and cesium.
- The liberated hydrogen reaches the palladium membrane, where an electrochemical gradient creates a driving force—described as a "vacuum for hydrogen"—pulling the gas through the membrane.
- As hydrogen crosses the membrane, it is converted into protons and electrons.
- These components travel through the molten electrolyte and an external circuit, recombining at a second electrode to form pure hydrogen gas.

Because the membrane blocks other reaction components, the system actively pumps hydrogen from low to high concentrations. This continuous removal prevents accumulated hydrogen from inhibiting the reaction, allowing the process to proceed under milder conditions.

Background & Context

Hydrogen is essential for semiconductor manufacturing, chemical processing, and fuel cells, but it is difficult to transport unless compressed or liquefied at cryogenic temperatures. Ammonia is a preferred chemical carrier because it is already manufactured and shipped at a large scale. However, traditional "cracking" to recover hydrogen is energy-intensive due to high heat requirements and the need to separate the resulting hydrogen from nitrogen and unreacted ammonia.

Significance & Outlook

The MIT team, led by Rui Zeng and Yogesh Surendranath, demonstrated that this electrochemical approach also works for methylcyclohexane, a type of liquid organic hydrogen carrier (LOHC). The researchers indicate that these concepts could be translated to other important dehydrogenation reactions that are otherwise thermodynamically unfavorable or kinetically sluggish.

Source: https://bioengineer.org/electrochemical-method-pulls-pure-hydrogen-from-ammonia-at-lower-temperatures/

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#04 Syntholene SOEC: Geothermal eFuels Demo Performance and Specs

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OVERVIEW

Syntholene Energy Corp. has achieved proof-of-performance for its geothermally-integrated solid oxide electrolyzer cell (SOEC) facility in Húsavík, Iceland. An independent review confirmed world-class electrical efficiency of 95.5% (LHV), demonstrating a pathway to cost-competitive green aviation fuel.

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Key Findings

An independent technical review conducted by Prof. Nigel Brandon of Imperial College London has confirmed that Syntholene's demonstration facility in Húsavík, Iceland, achieved proof-of-performance for its geothermally-integrated SOEC. The report, dated October 19th, 2026, concludes that the facility demonstrates world-class efficiency and the potential to produce cost-competitive green aviation fuel under favorable commercial conditions.

Technical Details

The independent review verified the following electrical efficiency metrics:

- **Stack Electrical Consumption:** Average of 34.90 kWh/kg H_2, representing 95.5% electrical efficiency on a lower heating value (LHV) basis.
- **System Consumption:** Stack and SOEC auxiliary electrical consumption (excluding steam generation) was 38.60 kWh/kg H_2.

These results were sustained over 713 Phase Two high-load hours. The broader testing campaign included 2,520 hourly records, with a total selected-load runtime of 1,478 hours and a longest uninterrupted selected-load run of 795 hours.

Internal analysis further indicated that hydrogen production exceeded 90% of the high-load reference output during 97.7% of the 732-hour Phase Two observation period. Additionally, Phase Two showed approximately 60% higher hydrogen output and 10.5% lower system electricity consumption per kilogram of hydrogen compared to Phase One.

Background and Context

The facility integrates geothermal heat and electricity to reduce the electrical energy required for electrolysis. By substituting geothermal heat for electricity and utilizing reliable baseload energy, Syntholene aims to eliminate the need for costly battery and hydrogen buffer storage. This architecture also allows for the use of stranded geothermal resources to generate revenue for powerplant operators.

Significance and Outlook

Syntholene asserts that this integration provides a structural cost advantage over traditional low-temperature electrolysis powered by intermittent renewables or the grid, as it does not rely on government subsidies or rebates. The company now intends to shift focus toward commercial-scale deployment and integration into downstream synthetic fuel production to challenge the economics of conventional fossil fuels.

Source: https://www.hydrocarbonprocessing.com/news/2026/10/syntholene-receives-proof-of-performance-for-geothermally-integrated-soec-demo-facility-for-efuels-production/

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#05 Hydrogen-Storage Alloys: QST Automated System Cuts Testing to 3 Hours

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OVERVIEW

QST, Tohoku University, and partners have developed an automated system that reduces hydrogen-storage alloy preparation and testing time from several days to two to three hours per sample. The system automates the full sequence from fabrication to performance evaluation, enabling the rapid discovery of lightweight, rare-metal-free materials.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

Japan's National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology (QST), Tohoku University, and a consortium of partners have developed an automated experimental system that reduces the time required for hydrogen-storage alloy preparation and testing. The process now takes two to three hours per sample, a significant reduction from the previous requirement of two to three days. The system is capable of evaluating up to 10 different compositions consecutively.

Technical Details

The system is the first of its kind to automate the entire sequence of alloy fabrication, hydrogen absorption treatment, composition analysis, and hydrogen-release evaluation. An automated transfer robot connects several chambers dedicated to substrate loading, thin-film alloy deposition, hydrogen absorption, composition analysis, and release testing. To optimize efficiency, the system only sends samples that have successfully absorbed hydrogen to the release testing stage.

A primary engineering hurdle involved integrating high-vacuum alloy deposition with high-pressure hydrogen absorption. The team resolved this by placing a pressure-resistant vessel inside the hydrogen-treatment chamber; this allows the inner vessel to be pressurized with hydrogen while the surrounding chamber remains under high vacuum.

Background & Context

Hydrogen-storage alloys allow for compact solid-state storage by absorbing hydrogen between metal atoms. However, performance varies based on elemental proportions, and current alloys often face cost and weight constraints due to a reliance on rare metals and rare-earth elements. The development team includes the Institute for Molecular Science, R-DEC, and AVC, with support from the Japan Science and Technology Agency's GteX program.

Significance & Outlook

The group intends to integrate experimental data with artificial intelligence to enable autonomous materials development, where AI proposes new compositions and conditions based on previous results. Future plans include linking the system with QST's synchrotron research to use intense X-rays for observing absorption and release processes. R-DEC has commercialized the system, with an exhibition scheduled for October 26 in Sendai at the 19th International Symposium on Material-Hydrogen Systems.

Source: https://jp.ibtimes.com/qst-cuts-hydrogen-storage-alloy-experiments-days-2-3-hours-104919

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#06 Solar-Powered Artificial Leaf: Hydrogen Production and Hydrazine Removal Specs

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OVERVIEW

Researchers at Nanyang Technological University have developed a solar-powered device that simultaneously generates hydrogen and degrades toxic hydrazine from seawater. The system reduced hydrazine concentrations from 0.5 M to 0.5 ppb within 30 hours while producing hydrogen at a rate of 466 µmol per square centimeter per hour.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

The developed solar-powered device achieves dual-functionality by combining a miniature solar cell, an electrolyzer, and a wastewater treatment system. In performance tests, the device maintained stable operation for over 72 hours, producing hydrogen at a rate of 466 μmol per square centimeter per hour. Regarding purification, the system reduced the concentration of toxic hydrazine in contaminated water from 0.5 M (approximately 1.6% by weight) to 0.5 parts per billion (ppb) in about 30 hours, which is more than 20 times below the US Environmental Protection Agency's 10 ppb limit.

Technical Details

The device utilizes a specialized anode and cathode to optimize energy efficiency and durability in seawater:

- **Anode:** Equipped with a catalyst containing iron, cobalt, and chromium. Instead of producing oxygen—a process that typically consumes significant energy—the anode breaks down hydrazine into nitrogen gas. This reaction requires less energy than conventional oxygen production and suppresses the formation of toxic chlorine compounds.
- **Cathode:** Constructed from lead-halide perovskites to absorb light and generate the electricity required to power the system without an external source. To protect the moisture-sensitive perovskite from seawater, researchers applied a layer of conductive epoxy containing silver and copper particles, titanium foil, and a thin platinum coating to facilitate hydrogen production.

Under artificial light equivalent to a clear day, the device generated a photocurrent density of approximately 25 milliamps per square centimeter.

Background & Context

Conventional water electrolysis splits water into hydrogen at the cathode and oxygen at the anode. Using seawater as a feedstock is challenging due to high chloride content, which typically corrodes electrodes and produces toxic chlorine. While other researchers have explored corrosion-resistant alloys like SS-H2, the Nanyang Technological University team focused on a catalyst-driven approach to bypass corrosion while increasing energy efficiency.

Significance & Outlook

By replacing the energy-intensive oxygen evolution reaction with hydrazine degradation, the system reduces the total energy required for hydrogen production. This approach addresses both the need for clean fuel and the removal of industrial pollutants from seawater.

Source: https://newatlas.com/energy/artificial-leaf-generates-hydrogen-removes-pollutants-seawater/

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#07 Solar Hydrogen Photoelectrodes: DGIST's Low-Voltage Process

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OVERVIEW

Researchers from DGIST and Kookmin University have developed a water-based, low-voltage fabrication process for solar hydrogen photoelectrodes that eliminates toxic solvents and high-voltage requirements. The new method reduces deposition voltage from 200 V to 4 V and increases photocurrent by approximately tenfold compared to single-material electrodes. This advancement provides a safer, more eco-friendly pathway for scaling green hydrogen production.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

A joint research team from DGIST and Kookmin University has successfully developed a photoelectrode for solar hydrogen production using an aqueous electrophoretic deposition process. The most significant result is a dramatic reduction in fabrication voltage, dropping from approximately 200 V to 4 V. This low-voltage approach, completed in about three minutes, eliminates the need for toxic organic solvents and hazardous substances such as lead and cadmium.

Technical Details

The team improved the performance of titanium dioxide (TiO2) by combining it with silver- and bismuth-based nanomaterials (AgBiS2). To achieve this, they replaced the coating molecules on the nanocrystals with hydrophilic molecules, allowing them to mix with water. This enabled the use of aqueous electrophoretic deposition, where a low voltage in an aqueous solution drives particles to adhere to the electrode.

- **Photocurrent:** The new photoelectrode demonstrated a tenfold or greater increase in photocurrent compared to conventional single-material electrodes, reaching a density of 3.0 milliamperes per square centimeter under natural sunlight conditions.
- **Durability:** After two hours of continuous light exposure, the electrode retained 65.1 percent of its initial performance.
- **Purity:** By avoiding high-voltage conditions, the researchers eliminated surface damage and oxidation byproducts (impurities) common in previous methods.

Background & Context

Traditional solar hydrogen production relies on TiO2 for its stability, but its absorption is limited to ultraviolet light. While adding nanomaterials widens the absorbed spectrum, conventional attachment methods require voltages exceeding 200 V and toxic organic solvents, which contradicts the environmental goals of green hydrogen technology.

Significance & Outlook

The research, published in the journal *Small* on September 3, 2026, establishes a foundation for the practical application of eco-friendly hydrogen production. By reducing fabrication time to minutes and removing heavy metals and high-voltage risks, the process addresses critical practical barriers to scaling the production of hydrogen from sunlight and water.

Source: https://bioengineer.org/low-voltage-water-based-process-makes-solar-hydrogen-photoelectrodes-safer-and-more-efficient/

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#08 PEM Fuel Cell Ageing: Physics-Guided AI for Watt-Level Precision

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OVERVIEW

A physics-informed deep learning framework predicts the power output of proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell stacks with a root-mean-square error of 0.295 watts and a mean absolute percentage error of 0.097 percent. By integrating first-principles electrochemical quantities as input features, the model tracks degradation trends with high accuracy. This approach enables real-time prediction of fuel cell ageing by combining domain knowledge with time-series neural networks.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

A study published in Discover Electronics on 5 October 2026 demonstrates a physics-guided AI framework capable of predicting PEM fuel cell stack power with a coefficient of determination of 0.969. The model achieved a root-mean-square error (RMSE) of 0.295 watts and a mean absolute percentage error of 0.097 percent. When benchmarked against six other architectures, including LSTM, GRU, and Transformers, the chosen TS-Mixer architecture provided the best R-squared value at 0.963.

Technical Details

The researchers utilized a Time-Series Mixer (TS-Mixer) with parallel dense layers of 256, 128, and 64 neurons. Unlike typical physics-informed neural networks that use equations as penalty terms in the loss function, this framework uses first-principles quantities as engineered input features, including:

- Nernst open-circuit voltage
- Activation overpotential (Tafel approximation of the Butler-Volmer equation)
- Ohmic losses from effective membrane resistance
- Concentration losses from a limiting-current formulation

To account for degradation, the team added cumulative operating time and its product with current density as additional features. The model was trained using the Adam optimizer and evaluated against the IEEE PHM 2014 FC1 Ageing dataset, consisting of 65,535 sequential measurements.

Background & Context

The FC1 ageing test involved a 497-hour experiment where current density remained relatively stable (mean of 0.702 A/cm²), but measured voltage and power declined steadily. The researchers noted that a fixed-parameter electrochemical model alone correlates poorly with measured stack voltage (0.235). To avoid overstating predictive capability, the authors ensured the network was trained against independent experimental observables rather than values derived from the same equations used for the inputs.

Significance & Outlook

The ablation study showed that the physics-informed feature set improved the test R-squared by approximately 3.8 percentage points compared to predicting from elapsed time alone. While the feature-level approach is simpler to audit, the authors acknowledge it does not enforce physical consistency as a hard constraint, meaning predictions could deviate from electrochemistry outside the training distribution.

Source: https://bioengineer.org/physics-guided-ai-tracks-fuel-cell-ageing-with-watt-level-precision/

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#09 Kawasaki Heavy Industries: First Japanese Hydrogen Aero-Engine Test

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OVERVIEW

Kawasaki Heavy Industries has successfully conducted Japan's first operation test of a small aviation engine powered by 100% hydrogen. The test validated stable combustion and thrust across all flight phases using a proprietary low-NOx combustion technology.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

Kawasaki Heavy Industries has achieved the first successful operation test of a small-scale aviation engine utilizing a hydrogen combustor in Japan. The engine operated on 100% hydrogen fuel, demonstrating the viability of hydrogen as a primary energy source for aviation propulsion.

Technical Details

The test utilized a new combustor incorporating proprietary low-NOx combustion technology developed by Kawasaki Heavy Industries. The evaluation was conducted at the Noshiro Space Center operated by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). The testing sequence covered the full operational envelope of an aircraft engine, including:

- Engine startup and rotation increase
- Steady-state operation corresponding to cruise conditions
- Acceleration and deceleration maneuvers
- Engine shutdown

Throughout these phases, the system confirmed stable combustion and the consistent generation of thrust.

Background & Context

This development is part of the "Green Innovation Fund Project / Next-Generation Aircraft Development Project," a program managed by the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO). The project focuses on reducing environmental impact in the aviation sector by transitioning from conventional fuels to hydrogen.

Significance & Outlook

By achieving world-class low-NOx performance in a functional engine test, Kawasaki Heavy Industries has demonstrated a technical path toward decarbonizing aviation. The successful transition from theoretical design to a physical operation test at JAXA's facilities marks a critical milestone for the implementation of hydrogen-powered flight in Japan.

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#10 Japan Engine Corp: Hydrogen engine for large ships and 2028 timeline

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OVERVIEW

Japan Engine Corp has developed the world's first hydrogen-fueled engine for large commercial vessels, reducing CO2 emissions by over 95% compared to heavy fuel oil. The technology will undergo onboard demonstration testing starting in April 2028.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

Japan Engine Corp has developed a hydrogen-fueled engine designed for large commercial vessels. This propulsion system achieves a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of more than 95 percent when compared to conventional engines that utilize heavy fuel oil.

Technical Details

The engine is specifically engineered for large-scale maritime applications to replace traditional heavy fuel oil systems. While the specific mechanical specifications were not detailed, the primary performance metric provided is the 95 percent reduction in CO2 emissions.

Background & Context

The engine was unveiled in early September. The deployment of this technology involves a partnership between three entities:

- **Japan Engine Corp:** The developer of the hydrogen engine.
- **Onomichi Dockyard Co.:** The entity responsible for building the multipurpose ship that will house the engine.
- **Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd.:** The operator expected to conduct the onboard demonstration testing.

Significance & Outlook

The transition from heavy fuel oil to hydrogen represents a significant shift in the emissions profile of large commercial shipping. The project has a clear implementation roadmap, with the installation on a multipurpose ship leading to the commencement of onboard demonstration testing in April 2028. This timeline provides a concrete window for investors and researchers to monitor the real-world viability of hydrogen propulsion in large-scale maritime logistics.

Source: https://english.kyodonews.net/articles/-/89365

#11 Protonic Ceramic Electrolyzer: Doubling Hydrogen Yield from Steam

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OVERVIEW

Researchers at the University of Groningen have developed a durable ceramic electrolyzer that doubles clean hydrogen production from steam without requiring additional electricity. The cell demonstrated stability for over 500 hours and converts more than 95 percent of electric current into hydrogen.

IN DEPTH

Key Findings

Chemical engineers at the University of Groningen have developed a Protonic Ceramic Electrolyzer Cell (PCEC) that doubles the hydrogen production rate compared to earlier designs. The modified cell operated continuously for more than 500 hours with no loss in stability or performance, converting over 95 percent of the electric current directly into hydrogen.

Technical Details

The system utilizes steam instead of liquid water, operating at intermediate temperatures between 400°C and 650°C. This approach reduces the electrical energy required to break chemical bonds. The process involves a ceramic membrane that allows only positively charged hydrogen ions (protons) to pass through its pores, attracted by a negative charge on the opposite side to reform hydrogen (H2). This selective permeability keeps the produced hydrogen separate from other atoms, eliminating the need for subsequent purification stages.

To overcome the challenge of electrode degradation in corrosive, high-heat environments, lead researcher Dr. Vassilis Kyriakou and his team designed a self-assembling electrode using a perovskite oxide matrix. When heated in ambient air, ions move between the electrode and membrane, causing praseodymium oxide nanoparticles to sprout across the surface. The team further enhanced performance by applying an acid wash to the surface, which increased the number of active catalyst sites.

Background and Context

Current industrial hydrogen production primarily relies on stripping hydrogen from natural gas, a process that releases significant amounts of carbon dioxide. This gas is essential for refining fuels, manufacturing fertilizers, and producing plastics. While standard liquid electrolyzers exist, they require substantial electrical energy to heat the water and power the splitting process.

Significance and Outlook

The PCEC operates at temperatures typical of existing chemical factories, allowing manufacturers to utilize factory waste heat for clean "Power-to-X" processes. By reducing reliance on fossil fuels and eliminating costly purification steps, this technology provides a more sustainable and efficient pathway for heavy industry hydrogen production.

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